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Montana Medicaid Notice

Hospital Outpatient Providers

APCs Updated Quarterly

The Department originally planned to update the Medicaid Outpatient Prospective Payment System (APCs) once per year in April. It has been determined that not updating each quarter with Medicare causes some claims to deny inappropriately. Since the denials are caused by the outdated Outpatient Code Editor, there is no way to force payment of these claims. Therefore, the Department has made the decision to update each time Medicare updates, which is typically on a quarterly basis. New fee schedules and APCs will be posted on the web site at mtmedicaid.org with each update. The October 2003 update will be done along with the January 2004 update and claims that previously denied in error will be mass adjusted. The January 2004 update will be in place sometime in January. Please watch the website for further information.

Contact Information

For more information, visit the Provider Information website:

<http://www.mtmedicaid.org>

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

Provider Relations in Helena and out-of-state: (406) 442-1837

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